## Brian Announces Millions for Flood Control Projects in Cowlitz County (April 28, 2009)

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"Cowlitz County residents have become particularly vulnerable to flooding living in the shadow of Mount St. Helens in the years since the eruption," said Congressman Baird. "This money from the recovery act could not come at a better time. It will help put people back to work and provide much needed flood protection for the thousands of people who are currently forced to hold their breath every time the river rises"

This is part of more than 4 billion dollars released nationwide by the Army Corps of Engineers today.

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Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

Below are the construction projects in Southwest Washington:

**Project** 

Description

| Funding   |
|---|
| Mt<br>St Helens Sediment Control  |
| Dredge sediment from the lower Cowlitz River  |
| \$1,200,000   |
| Mt<br>St Helens Sediment Control  |
| Complete 1,700 feet of improvements to the Castle Rock levee along the Cowlitz River for flood protection |
| \$2,800,000   |

| Mt<br>St Helens Sediment Control  |
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| Modify the existing spillway at the North Fork Toutle Sediment Retention Structure  |
| \$3,000,000   |
| Lower Columbia River Ecosystem Restoration  |
| Complete the Julia Butler Hansen National Wildlife Refuge site. Construction work consists of restoring wetlands, installing culverts with fish friendly tide gates, and planting 210 acres with riparian plantings |
| \$1,580,000   |
|   |
| Lower Columbia River Ecosystem Restoration  |

| Design/build contract for three to five tidally connected wetland sites |  |
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| \$1,600,000   |  |
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| Construction Funding for SW Washington:                                 |  |
| \$10,180,000  |  |
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